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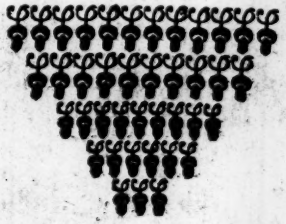

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WHereas the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses of the House of Commons in this present Parliament assembled, have in the name of themselves, and of all the Commons of *England*, impeached *Thomas* Earle of *Strafford* of High Treason, for endeavoring to subvert the Ancient and Fundamentall Lawes and Government of his Majesties Realmes of *England*, and *Ireland*, and to introduce an Arbitrary and Tyrannical Government against Law in the said Kingdomes; and for exercising a Tyrannous and exorbitant Power over and against the Lawes of the said Kingdomes, over the Liberties, Estates,

and Lives of his Majeſties Subjects; and likewiſe for having by his owne authority Commanded the laying and aſſeiſing of Souldiers upon his Majeſties Subjects in *Ireland*, againſt their conſents, to compell them to obey his unlawfull Commands and Orders made upon paper Petitions in Cauſes between patty and party, which accordingly was executed upon divers of his Majeſties Subjects in a Warlike manner within the ſaid Realme of *Ireland*; and in ſo doing, did levie Warre againſt the Kings Majeſtie and his liege people in that Kingdome; And alſo for that hee upon the unhappie Diſſolution of the laſt Parliament, did ſlander the Houſe of Commons to his Majeſtie, and did Councell and adviſe his Majeſtie that hee was looſe and abſolved from Rules of Governement, and that hee had an Army in *Ireland*, which he might imploy to reduce this Kingdome; for which hee deſerves to undergoe the Paines and Forfeitures of High Treaſon.

And the ſaid Earle hath beene alſo an Incendiary of the Warres betweene the two Kingdomes of *England* and *Scotland*: all which Offences have beene ſufficiently Proved againſt the ſaid Earle upon his impeachment.

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Be it therefore enacted by the Kings moſt excellent Majeſtie, and by the Lords and Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by authoritie of the ſame, That the ſaid Earle of *Strafford* for the haynous Crimes and Offences aforeſaid, ſtand and be adjudged and attainted of high Treaſon, and ſhall ſuffer ſuch paine of death, and incurre the forfeitures of his Goods and Chattels, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of any eſtate of Free-hold or Inheritance in the ſaid Kingdomes of *England* and *Ireland*, which the ſaid Earle or any other to his uſe, or in truſt for him, have or had the day of the firſt ſitting of this preſent Parliament, or at any time ſince.

Provided that no Judge or Judges, Juſtice or Juſtices whatſoever, ſhall adjudge or interpret any Act or thing to be Treaſon, nor heare or determine any Treaſon, nor in any other manner then he or they ſhould or ought to have done before the making of this Act, and as if this Act had never beene had nor made. Saving alwayes unto all and ſingular perſons and bodies politique and corporall, their Heires and Succeſſors, others then the ſaid Earle and his heires, and ſuch as claime by, from, or under him, all ſuch right, title, and intereſt, of, in, and to all and ſingular ſuch of the ſaid Lands, Tenements, and Here-

ditaments, as he, they, or any of them, had before the first day of this present Parliament, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided that the passing of this present Act, and his Majesties assent thereunto, shall not be any determination of this present Sessions of Parliament, but that this present Sessions of Parliament, and all Bills and matters whatsoever depending in Parliament, and not fully enacted or determined. And all Statutes and Acts of Parliament, which have their continuance untill the end of this present Session of Parliament, shall remaine, continue, and be in full force, as if this Act had not been.

FINIS.